

SM-406

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Confederate Monuments at Point Lookout Inventory Number: SM 179 & 406

Address: Point Lookout National Cemetery City: Point Lookout Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: St. Marys USGS Topographic Map: Point Lookout

Owner: United States of America Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: 17 Tax Map Number: 73 Tax Account ID Number: 01034103

Project: MD 5 Point Lookout State Park to Camp Ground Road Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property is located within a historic district?  yes  no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context  yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Point Lookout National Cemetery is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, criteria consideration D. The Point Lookout Cemetery consists of the graves of the many Confederate soldiers and sailors who died at the Civil War Point Lookout Prison and Hospital. The two monuments consist of a 25-foot obelisk erected in 1876 by the State of Maryland and an 85-foot monument erected in 1910 by the Federal Government.

In 1866 several Confederate burial sites at Point Lookout were consolidated and around 1870, these remains were moved by the State to a site on Tanner Creek (due to erosion at the earlier site). As part of the National Centennial celebration, the State of Maryland constructed the memorial obelisk and placed it at the Tanner's Creek site.

In 1906 the Foraker Act was passed which required marking the graves of all Confederates who had died in federal prison or hospitals. In efforts to comply with this Act, Maryland ceded the Tanner Creek site to the Federal Government in 1910. At that point, the remains were moved to the present day site. Due to the circumstances that the Point Lookout cemetery was a mass grave, there was a joint resolution in 1910 to allow for one monument over the site (Soldierberg, Susan Cooke. Lest We Forget: A Guide to Civil War Monuments in Maryland. White Mane Publishing Company, Shippensburg, PA 1995). The Federal Monument inscribes over 3300 names and memorializes the many unknown. The State Monument was moved to the present site in 1938.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
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Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
MHT Comments: MONUMENTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE POINT LOOKOUT CEMETERY (SM 893) WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED ELIGIBLE.	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>Andrew Lewis</i> ✓	Date <i>1/23/03</i>
Reviewer, NR Program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>2/27/03</i>

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NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Confederate Monuments at Point Lookout

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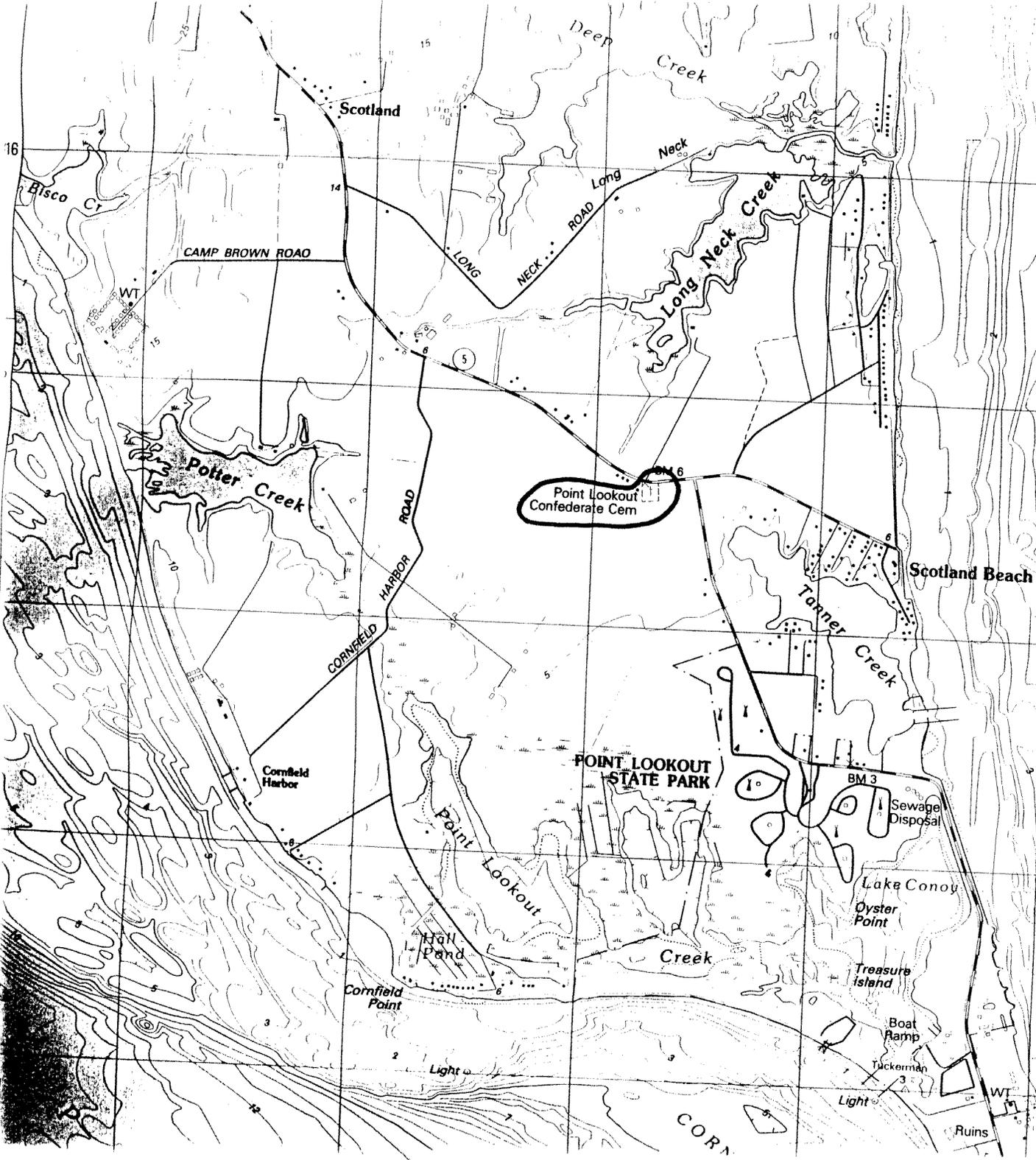
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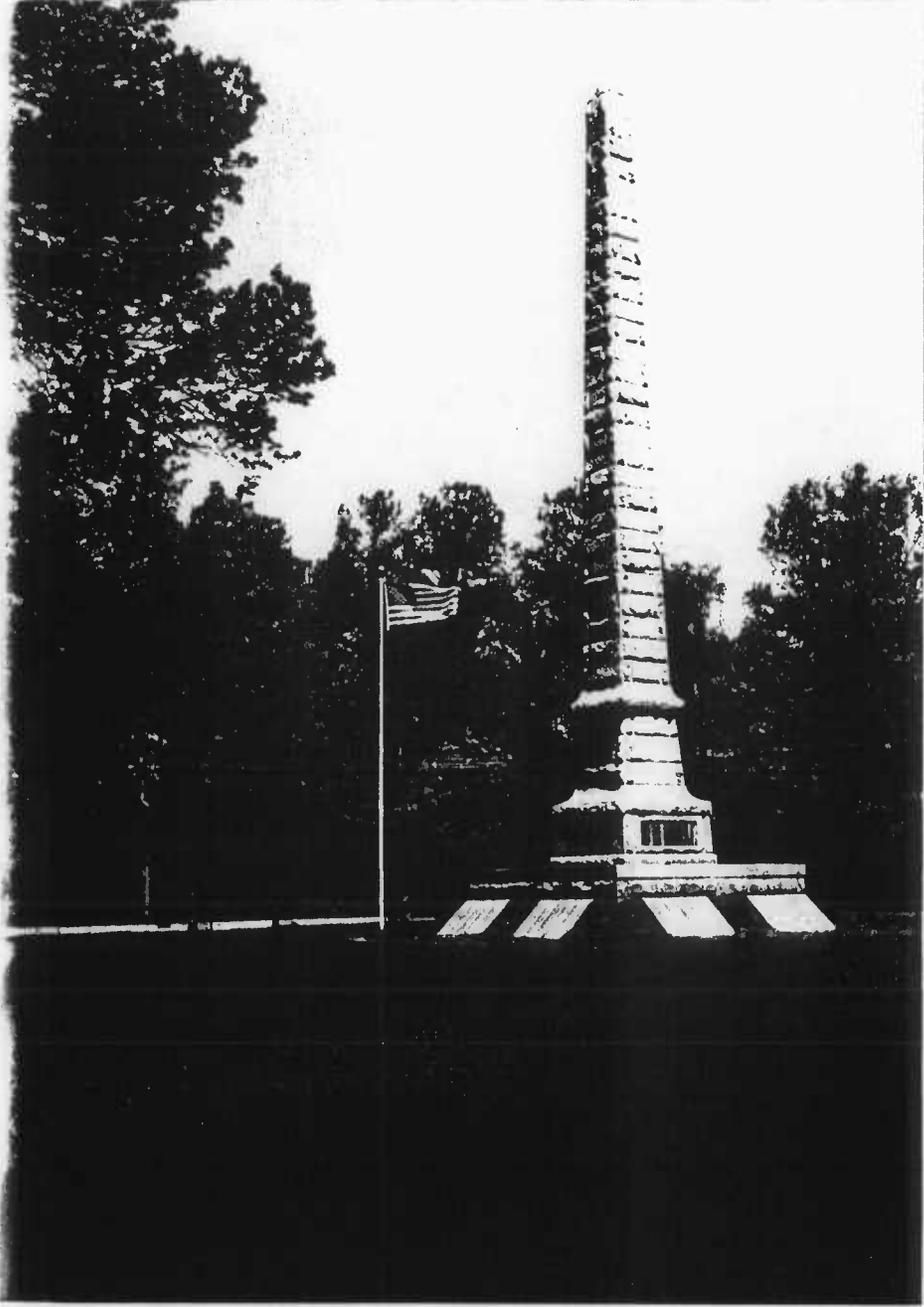
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Point Lookout National  
St. Mary's MD

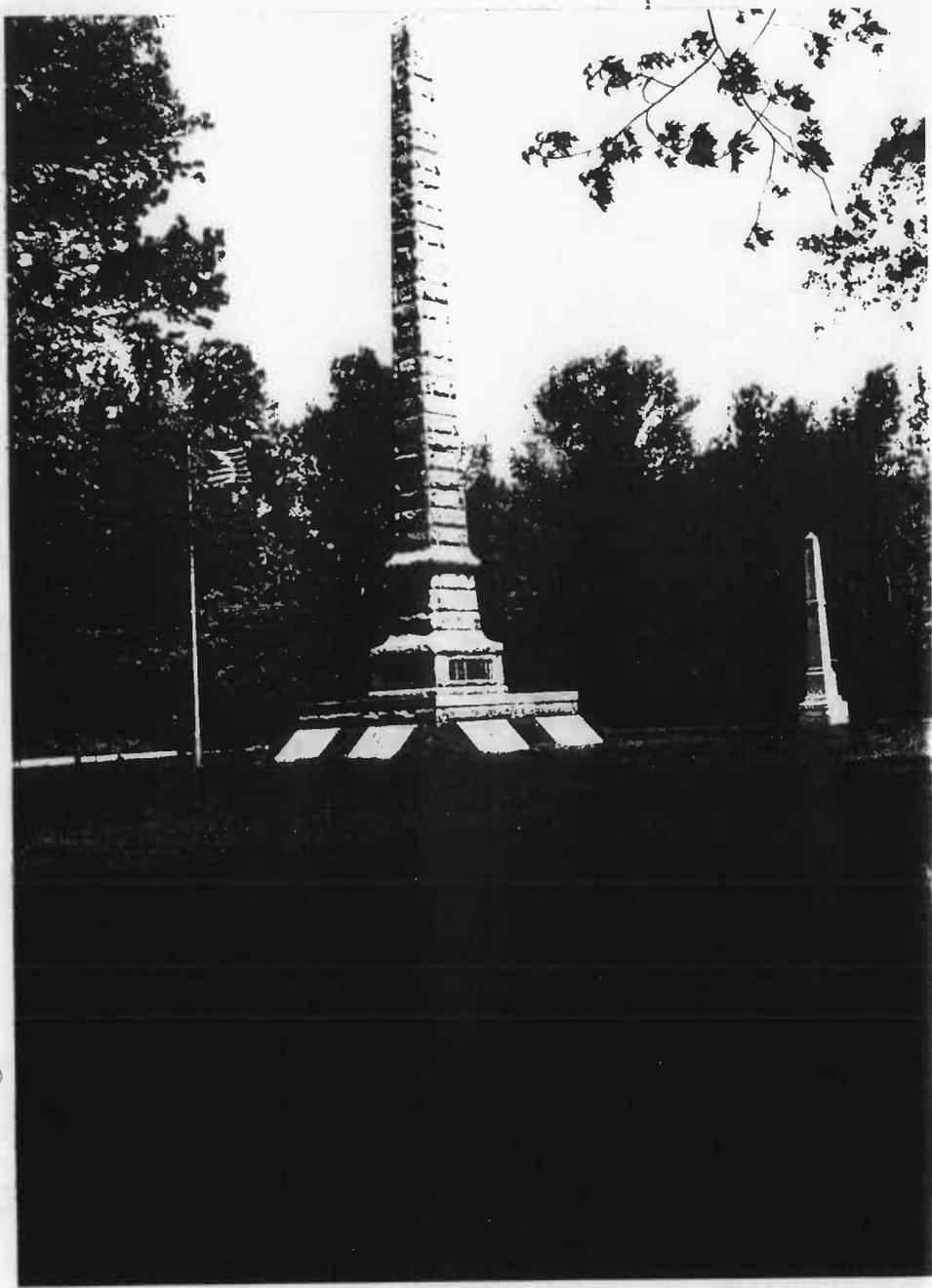


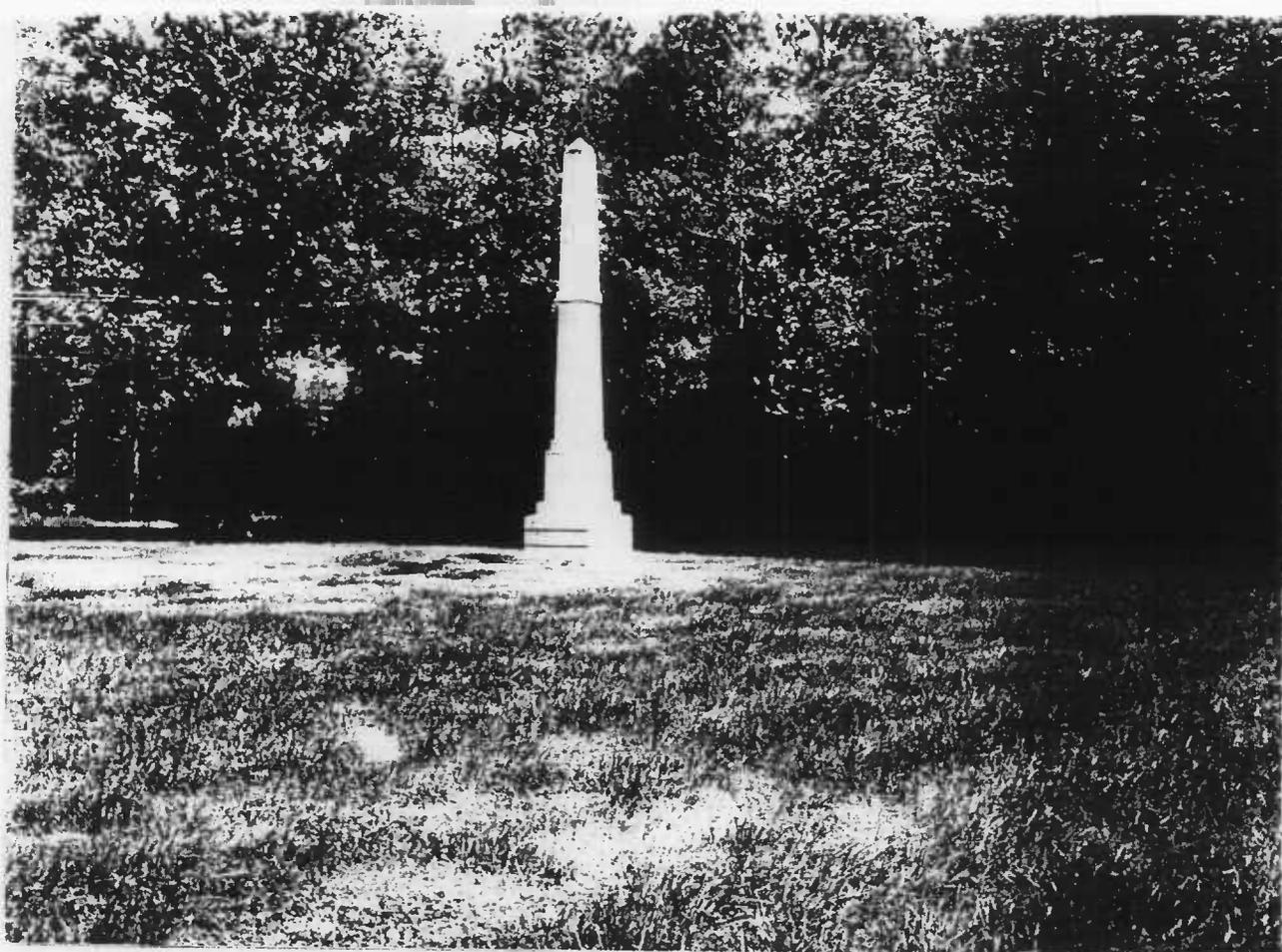
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Confederate Cem

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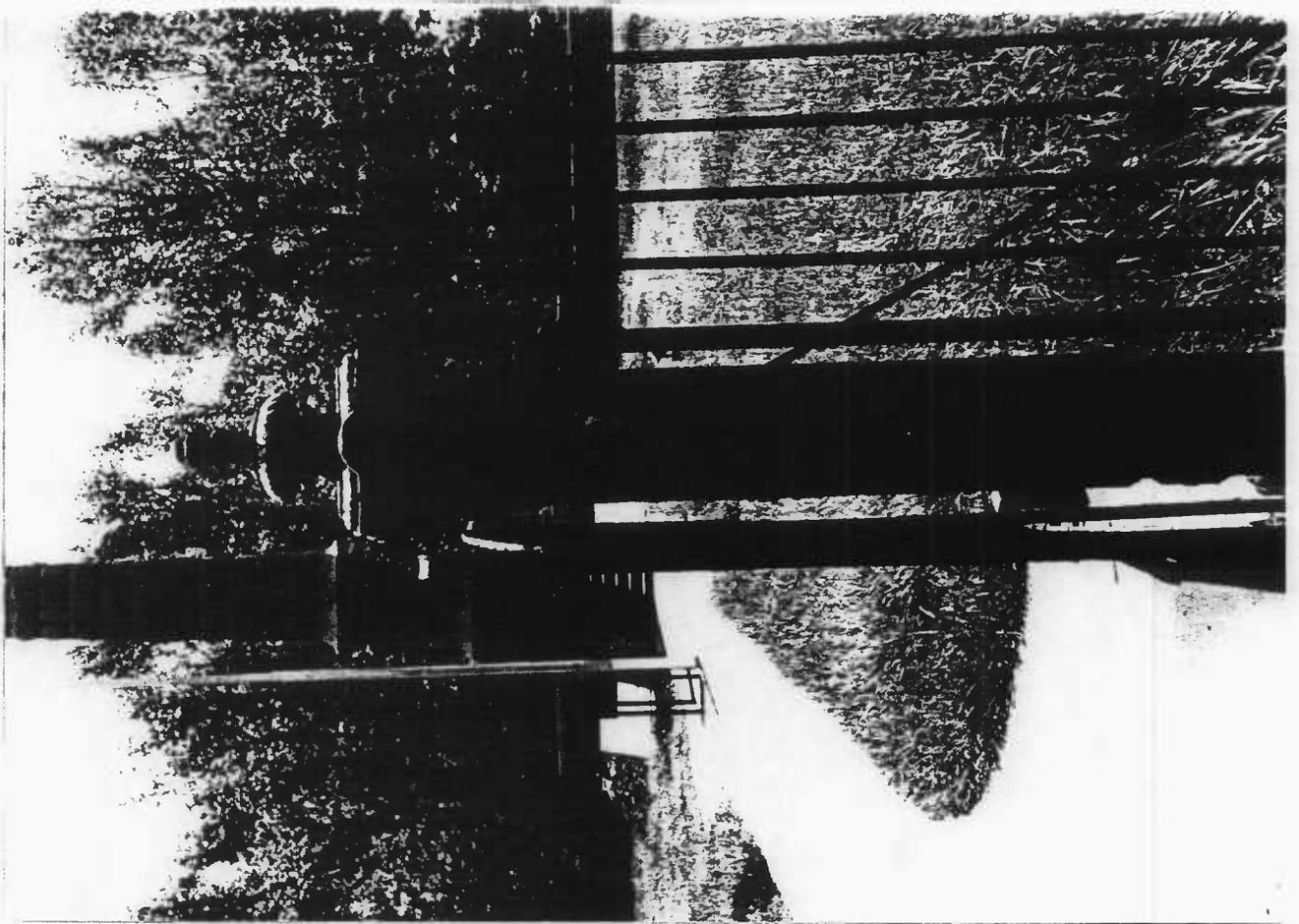
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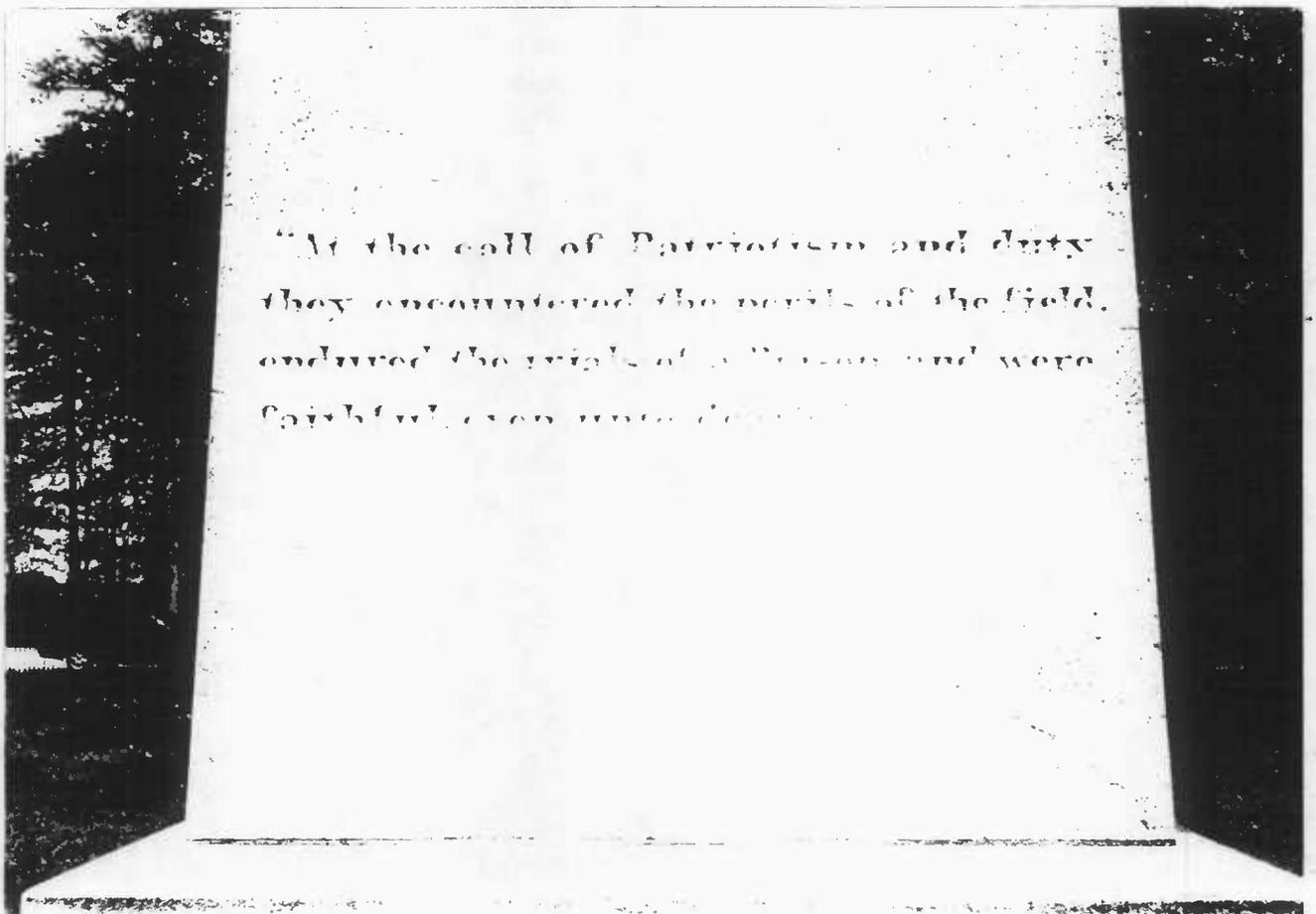


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SM-179)

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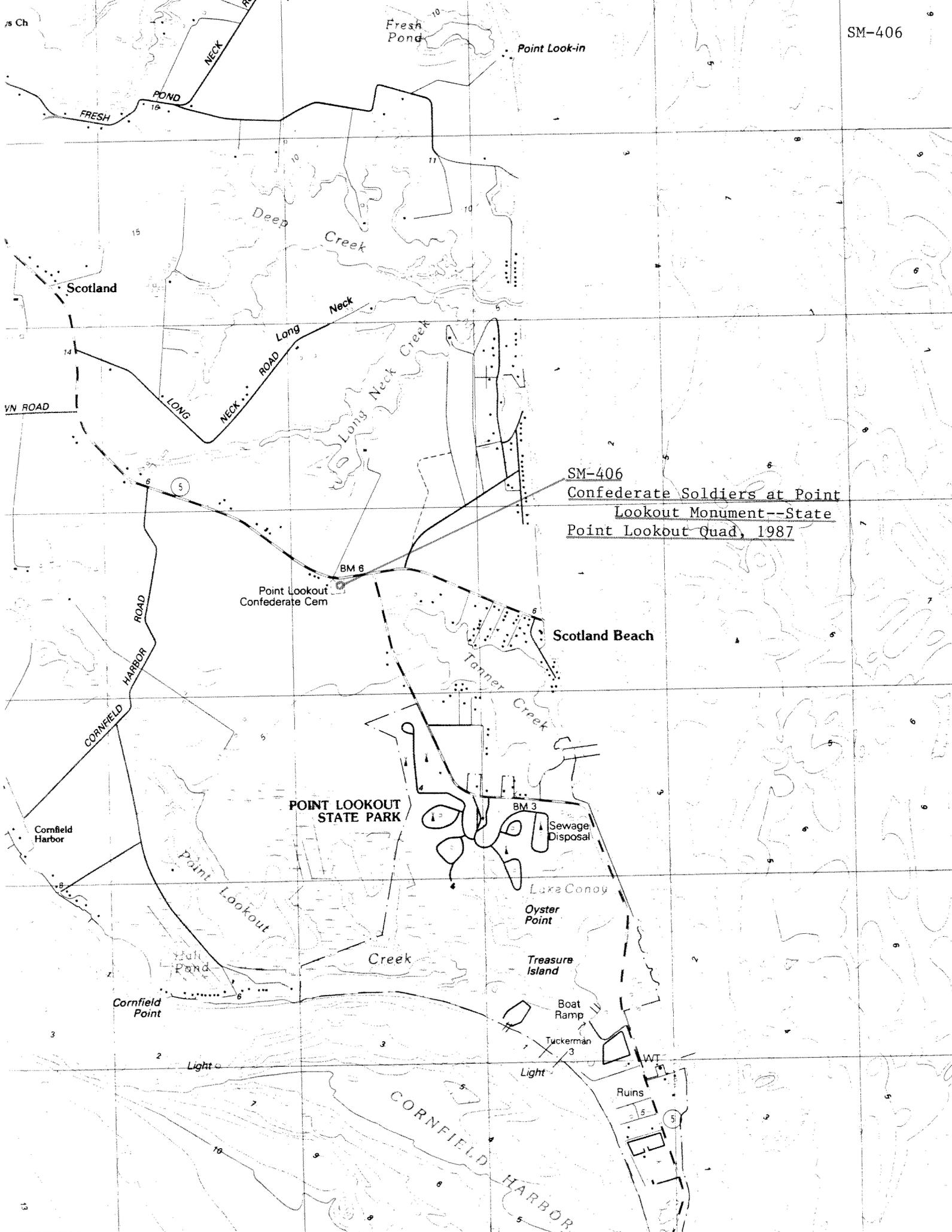
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POINT LOOKOUT MONUMENTS  
Point Lookout State Park

1876 and 1910

The smaller monument (STMA-<sup>406</sup>26) was erected in 1876 by the people of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties to honor the Confederate soldiers and sailors who died while prisoners at the Point Lookout Fort federal prison camp. Its construction was part of the activity during the Centennial of the American Revolution.

The larger monument (STMA-179) was erected in 1910 by the federal government after the remains of the Confederate prisoners had been moved to this site from the ~~Fort~~ <sup>prison compound</sup> site at Point Lookout. The inscribed base records the names of 3,389 dead and includes the word "Unknown" of ~~which~~ <sup>whom</sup> there were many.

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Confederate Soldiers at Point  
 Lookout Monument--State  
 Point Lookout Quad, 1987

Point Lookout  
 Confederate Cem

Scotland Beach

POINT LOOKOUT  
 STATE PARK

Cornfield Point

CORNFIELD  
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State Monument to Confederate Soldiers at Pt. Lookout

St. Mary's County, Md

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N+E elevation:

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